



MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who attended our spring Parent Observation days, April 9th – 14th. We hope you enjoyed seeing how much your children have grown as dancers over this past year!

TUITION – May tuition must be paid by Saturday, May 7th to be eligible for the drawing in May to receive 10 free recital tickets! Congratulations to Kari Yamat, winner of last month's free tuition drawing!

BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING:

- **Recital Ticket Purchasing Information sheet – Ticket Day is SATURDAY, MAY 14TH.** Make sure you have pulled your lottery “ticket time” from our lottery box!
- **Performance Line-up** – The order of dances in each of the seven shows.
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule – Dress Rehearsal Days – Friday, June 3rd, Saturday, June 4th, Monday, June 6th, Tuesday, June 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday, June 9th, 2011.** Dress rehearsals are held at Greendale High School in the Henry Ross Auditorium. There will be NO dress rehearsals or regular classes held at the dance studio or GHS on **Friday, June 10th.**

ALONG WITH THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Picture Schedule and Order Forms – Recital Picture Days – Sunday, May 22nd, Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 25th.** There will be NO regular classes held on **Tuesday, May 24th** and **Wednesday, May 25th** due to recital pictures. Pictures are held at the dance studio.
- **Stage Make-up Instruction sheet with diagram and helpful hairstyling tips.** (*see below)
- **Recital Costumes and Costume Instruction sheets.** If you have any questions concerning your dancer's recital costume please do not hesitate to ask. If your dance has not brought a costume home, you may owe unpaid fees. Please check the desk concerning any unpaid balances.

COSTUME ALTERATIONS – Parents of dancers are responsible for alterations to all costumes. We order costumes in December and generally order larger than measurements taken in November to allow for growth. We cannot possibly judge how much or how little all the students we order costumes for will grow or will not grow. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADJUST PANT LENGTH IF NECESSARY. Costumes come in a standard long length to accommodate the tallest dancers. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PANTS DRAGGING!** Please do not feel it is necessary to go to great lengths to have a costume altered to be custom fit. Many times safety pins and/or basting stitches work well and costumes look fine from stage.

RECITAL SHOES AND TIGHTS – You should already have the proper shoes required for each dance unless they have been back ordered. If any back ordered shoes are not in by your picture day we will hide feet in the group picture or you may be able to borrow a “try-on” for individual pictures if we have the style, color and size you need in stock.

Required style and color of tights for each dance is listed on the costume instruction sheet you should have taken home with your costume. Please purchase your tights as soon as possible. You may purchase tights at our front desk. No ordering necessary! Remember that you need them for pictures on Sunday, May 22nd, Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 25th.

***HAIR STYLING & COSMETIC APPLICATION** – Now that you have your costume instruction sheets with hairstyle descriptions and hair & make-up instruction sheets, some of you may feel you need a little extra help in the hair and make-up areas. We would like to make this as stress-free as possible for you! On **Saturday, May 14th** (Ticket Day) a backstage representative will be at the studio throughout the day from **8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to give you helpful hints in the hair and make-up departments. Some of you may be concerned about changing hairstyles between dance numbers now that you have received the line-up for each show. Representatives from the backstage staff will be able to demonstrate how the hairstyle changes can be done. We want to make this experience as stress-free as possible for you. We want you to enjoy recital time with your dancer. Do not stress yourself out... it's only hair!

Hair Styling & Cosmetic Application Services - Let us do the work for you!



Teen dancers and parents of dancers in our Technique Intensive Program will be available to set and style hair and apply cosmetics for you for Recital Pictures. They will be using this service as a fundraiser.

IMPORTANT – For hygienic purposes, *you* must provide sponge rollers, hair rubber bands, combs, brushes and bobby pins as well as cosmetics and applicators. We do not share products or applicators.

- Hair Setting (Rolling) - \$15.00 per dancer
- Bun Hairstyle - \$5.00 per dancer
- Cosmetic Application - \$10.00 per dancer
- Unrolling & Styling Curls - \$5.00



AN APPOINTMENT MUST BE SCHEDULED FOR HAIR SETTING (ROLLING). Hair rolling will be done at the studio the evening prior to your Picture Day. (Yes, you can wear your rollers to school. It's been done many times before by lots of dancers!) No appointment necessary for hair styling and/or cosmetic application. Please arrive at least 1 hour prior to your scheduled picture time for hairstyling and cosmetic application. Arrive 45 minutes early if you will be using only one of the services, either hairstyling or cosmetic application. **Payments are made to the stylist at the time of service. Cash is preferred however you may write a check directly to the individual stylist as well.**



RECITAL TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY, MAY 14th!

Please refer to the ticket purchasing information sheet for more information. **NO DANCERS IN COSTUME ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING ANY SHOWS!** If a dancer changes out of costume to sit in a purchased reserved auditorium seat they may not return backstage to participate in the show's **FINALE**.

IMPORTANT!!! – ALL TUITION PAYMENTS AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST PAID IN FULL (tuition through May and any late fees – there is no charge for June) **BEFORE** YOU CAN PURCHASE RECITAL TICKETS! This includes those families purchasing tickets using our “envelope method”.

HANDICAPPED SEATING – If you have someone coming to the show in a wheelchair or with other special needs, please let us know in writing **BEFORE** ticket purchasing day. When you come to the studio on Ticket Day, Saturday, May 14th, we will already have your handicap seating prearranged. Handicap seating will accommodate 1 to 2 additional family members to be seated with the audience member with special needs. Handicap seating is included in the 10-ticket limit and not in addition to your 10 tickets. Again, please let us know ahead of time in writing **before** Ticket Day, Saturday May 14th.

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! – Representatives in charge of backstage volunteers will be here on Saturday, May 14th (Ticket Day) so you can check with them about any costume changes your dancer may have within the same Act. You can also SIGN-

UP TO HELP BACKSTAGE. Please sign-up with the backstage coordinators on Saturday, May 14th. We need each and every one of you! We especially need dads and moms to volunteer for the boys' dressing room for each of the 7 shows!

COSTUME CHANGES – Each show is divided into 2 Acts with a 15-minute intermission. The backstage crew will make costume changes within each Act. A list of costume changes within each Act is being compiled at this time. If dancers have a dance in the First Act and one in the Second Act, we assume that you will come backstage during intermission to help your child with the costume and hairstyle change. **Please check on Ticket Day (Saturday, May 14th) that your dancer is on the costume change list if your dancer has a costume change within a single Act in any of our 7 recitals. REMEMBER TO LIMIT MOVEMENT IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE RECITALS.** Please rely on our back stage crew to change your dancer within an Act instead of getting up to go backstage to do it yourself. Auditorium doors will open in between dances ONLY! Please do not get up in the middle of a dance group's performance to exit the auditorium.

RECITAL DANCE PARTY – Thank you to all of the dancers who attended our recital dance party on Saturday, April 30th from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. We raised \$625 to contribute to the *New York City Dance Alliance College Scholarship Foundation* and the dancers who attended had a blast! Twenty-five dancers worked so hard and received so much individual attention on their recital dances! If you missed the Recital Dance Party and would like to receive some individual rehearsal time on your recital dance(s), please leave your name and phone number at the front desk and someone will contact you to set up a private lesson.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOWS – All dancers are being adequately prepared for the rehearsals and recitals. Teachers explain what to expect backstage and the importance of cooperation in helping to make things run smoothly. For example, little ones are told they must wait for someone to pick them up backstage and not to go looking for mom or dad in the hallways, etc.

RECITAL TIMES – Show time is 7:00 p.m. for each of the 7 performances. You will receive more information about dancer arrival times, etc. in the June Newsletter and Backstage Information sheet, which will be handed out in mid-May.



2011 – 2012 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held **FRIDAY, MAY 20TH** for dancers age 7 - 11 years
AND
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST for dancers age 12 years & older.

For more information please pick up a TI / TI-2 Program packet at the front desk.
In addition, an informational meeting was held at the dance studio on Saturday, April 9th concerning the above programs.
If you missed the meeting, a recording of the meeting is available for you to listen to in the lobby.
The cassette tape and player must stay "in house" and cannot be "checked out overnight".

TI NEWS... Welcome back to all 31 of the TI dancers who represented the state of Wisconsin at Dance Excellence 2011 in Los Angeles, CA, April 16th – 23rd! The dancers worked hard, had fun and grew so much as individuals! We are so proud of all of them! Thank you for supporting all of our fundraising efforts that made this awesome experience possible!

Our competitive dancers will compete at the *Showbiz Competition* this week in Minneapolis, May 5th – 8th. A few of our competitive soloists will also be competing at the *I Love Dance* competition in Lake Geneva on Sunday, May 15th and at the *Showstoppers* competition in Aurora, IL over Memorial weekend. Good luck to all!

RECITAL T-SHIRTS – We are again selling T-shirts to commemorate our annual recital. **RECITAL T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 23RD. No orders are taken!**

T-shirt prices are as follows: \$17.00 for one, \$34.00 for two, \$45.00 for three, each additional shirt is \$15.00 each.

To receive the volume discount, you must purchase your T-shirts all at one time. In other words, you may not come in and purchase two shirts one day for \$34.00 and then come in on another day and purchase two more T-shirts for the discounted price. T-shirts range in size from Child Small up to Adult Extra Large. Please make checks payable to *Young Dance Academy* or you may pay with cash.

ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE RECITAL GIFTS THROUGH MAY 30 – *Decorative Touch* will be taking orders for ballerina dolls, pigs and bears throughout the month of May. Samples are available at the front desk. Pick up an order form complete with pricing information also at the front desk. Your recital gifts will be available for pick-up at Greendale High School on the performance night of your choosing! **Mail your orders to *Decorative Touch* no later than May 30th.**

UPCOMING DAYS OFF – Just a reminder...

- ✧ **NO** regular classes on **Tuesday, May 24th & Wednesday, May 25th** (Recital Picture Days).
- ✧ **NO** classes on **Saturday, May 28th & Monday, May 30th**, the Memorial holiday weekend.
- ✧ **NO** classes held at the studio on **Friday, June 3rd** because of the overlap with dress rehearsals at Greendale High School. There will be regular classes at the studio on **Saturday, June 4th** as those classes do not overlap with dress rehearsals at GHS. **NO** regular classes will be held at the studio **Monday, June 6th - Saturday, June 18th**, dress rehearsal and recital performances at GHS.

COMING UP IN MAY:

- 1) Summer Class Schedules – Summer classes begin Monday, June 20th
- 2) More recital information (arrival times, procedure, etc.)
- 3) Information for those who have volunteered to help back stage.
- 4) Recital DVD ordering information.

FALL REGISTRATION – Our 2011 – 2012 schedules will be mailed in early July with registration for our 2011 – 2012 program beginning **Monday & Tuesday, July 18th and 19th.**

Thank you!
Sandy Young and Staff